

Regarding Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their affiliate stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election: this is the same company that refused to air the Nightline broadcast honoring the fallen in Iraq on the grounds that it was too "political". The same logic, however, is not being applied to the anti-Kerry documentary, which is obviously very politically motivated.

The real problem for Sinclair is that the Nightline show didn't fit into their political agenda, which involves corrupting democratic values for corporate profit. Bottom line: Sinclair supports the re-election of George Bush (because they perceive him as the path to greater profit) and is using the public airwaves to shove their agenda down our throats.

Less media consolidation is what is needed, not more. And the FCC should stop using the lame excuse that the rise of the Internet obviates the need for fairness on television. We all know that TV is still vastly important and the quality of its programming should not be compromised for any reason whatsoever.

Actions like those of Sinclair and the continuing effort by the FCC to increase media consolidation will eventually lead to a grassroots effort to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Count on it.